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Customer No. 22,852

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In re Application of: )  
 Charles Eric HUNTER ) Group Art Unit: 2731  
 Application No.: 09/385,671 )  
 Filed: August 27, 1999 )  
 For: VIDEO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM )  
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Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment.

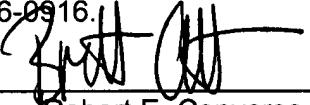
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						Subtotal \$ 324.00
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- A check for \$162.00 to cover the cost of the additional claims added by this reply is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Technology Center 2100

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 10, 21, and 24-26 as follows. A marked up version showing the changes made is attached hereto.

*1. (AMENDED)* A method of distributing movies to customer households comprising the steps of:

*blanket transmitting, at faster than real time speeds, a plurality of movies to a plurality of customer households;*

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